

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2206 - SB 2284

March 12, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a probation officer, or other officer of the court, to make a preliminary inquiry of a juvenile case and give counsel and advice about a possible informal adjustment without adjudication.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Net Impact - \$180,000*

Assumptions:

- Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-110(a) currently grants the authority to provide counsel and advice about a possible informal adjustment. This bill would require counsel and advice be provided to the parties involved.
- According to the Comptroller's Office, there are nine counties that will need an additional position to meet the requirements of the bill due to such counties not providing every juvenile case with counsel and advice.
- It is estimated that each of the nine counties will hire one individual which will be paid \$20,000 annually which will increase local government expenditures by \$180,000 (\$20,000 X 9).
- The requirement to provide counsel for an informal adjustment without adjudication would result in a decrease in the number of cases that will be heard in the juvenile court system. Such will have a decrease in local court expenditures which is estimated to be not significant.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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